

**\$15,000,000 WILL STRANGELY GONE**

Wide Search Made for Last Testament of Stevens, Eccentric N. Y. Midas

**DAUGHTER RUNAWAY BRIDE**

Business associates of the eccentric Calvin Arroyo Stevens are sure that he left a will disposing of a \$15,000,000 estate when he died in Trinity Hospital, East New York, March 20 last. Stevens' daughter, Miss Kate Stevens, last week eloped with Richard Fagan, a Dartmouth freshman. The searchers for the will are spurred on by the hope that if it is found some of them, at least, will reap as reward a portion of the vast golden hoard that the eccentric "Miser of Broad street" is reputed to have piled up.

Widow Couldn't Find Will  
The widow, Mrs. Jessie I. Stevens, of Benshurst, filed a petition to be appointed guardian of her heiress daughter, Kate Stevens Fagan, with the surrogate of Kings county, on March 26 last.

In her petition she says that her husband left personal property "not exceeding \$10,000,000" and that his real property was substantial, but that the exact amount was "unknown." She deposed that a search for a will had been unsuccessful.

She was appointed guardian on April 7, 1921. Her petition for \$20,000 a year for support and maintenance for her daughter, resulted in the surrogate allowing \$10,000 a year.

Daughter Hurt at School  
Captain Collins admitted that there were three heirs, including Kate Stevens, named in the will of the eccentric father. Who the other two heirs were, however, neither he nor John M. Hyde, agent for the Calvin Stevens estate, would say.

The daughter has been attending for the last year and a half Miss Sayward's School, Overbrook, Philadelphia. There she has had "special instruction" in foreign languages, elocution, piano, horseback riding, etc. As a result of a serious injury a few months ago she must have expert medical attention, too. An affidavit by the mother revealed the daughter's romantic elopement and marriage to young Fagan, son of William H. Fagan, of the Stock Exchange firm of Fagan & McCormick. Captain Collins was very indignant because Mr. Stevens had been described

as a miser and an eccentric. The captain admitted, however, that his friend and associate was a vegetarian, had lived with frugality duplicated by few persons with fewer thousands than Mr. Stevens had millions and that his ways of life had caused amused comment for years in the financial district.

Mr. Stevens was far from being a miser. He had a great number of private charities. He cared for many friends and acquaintances who had seen better days and were down on their luck.

He was an intellectual man and a most kindly one. He had great vision and a fine style in writing. He might have been a famous novelist if he had not at the age of twenty-one become the custodian of the large estate of his father.

The story that he picked up newspapers that had been cast aside is an invention. He bought fifteen or twenty newspapers a day. It was his custom to send them not only to lonesome miners and ranchers in the lonesome places of the Far West, but also to missionaries in China. It was one of his thoughtful practices and deeply appreciated by the recipients of the newspapers.

Of course, the boys in the "Street" (brokers) seeing always with a bundle of newspapers under his arm, called him a newsboy.

Hair Protected Carbuncle  
Mr. Stevens wore his white hair long to protect a carbuncle on the back of his neck.

He did not live for years in this building here, which is owned by his father's estate. He stayed here shortly before his death for three weeks because he slipped on a banana peel and wrenched his knee. He didn't want to go home, as it would have been too painful for him to go to and from the office.

It is true that he did not live with his wife and daughter in Benshurst during the latter days of his life.

Mr. Stevens was the largest stockholder in the American Dredging and Construction Co., which was employed in the unsuccessful attempt of

French to dig the Panama canal. At one time he owned the North and South American Steam Navigation Co., which operated a line of steamships between here and southern ports. Parental forgiveness is awaiting Richard Fagan, who eloped a week ago yesterday with Miss Stevens. William H. Fagan, the father, said he already has forgiven his son, but it does not know how the boy's mother feels about it.

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